# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

***Whereas***, George Blue was born in 1927, and lived the majority of his life in Huron and Iroquois, South Dakota, having left the area for a brief time during WW II to serve in the United States Navy; and,

***Whereas***, In 1950, George graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Law and was a practicing attorney in Huron for 53 years; and,

***Whereas***, George was active in South Dakota politics for 20 years, including Beadle County States Attorney, Beadle County State Senator, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota, South Dakota State Chairman for the Democratic Party, candidate for the US Senate, Special Advisor to Governor Kneip, and Commissioner for the Department of Game, Fish & Parks; and,

***Whereas***, George was an active member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Huron, a lay minister, active member and state advocate for the Knights of Columbus, CCD teacher, and Boy Scout leader; and,

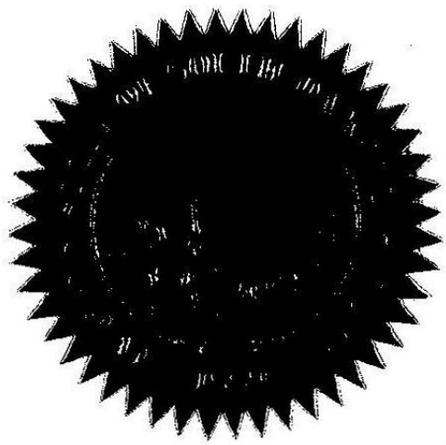
***Whereas***, George has enjoyed outdoors activities throughout his life, including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, walking 365 days a year, and spent over 30 years developing a 320-acre wildlife haven near Huron; and,

***Whereas***, George Blue's life has been spent helping and serving others, his family, church, friends, clients, and any less fortunate individual in need of assistance, making a huge difference in the lives of the citizens of Huron and the entire state of South Dakota:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2004, as

## GEORGE BLUE DAY

in South Dakota, as the 2004 Legislative Session is convened.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State